Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge lines are functioning on Indian Railways.

(b) On Madurai Division, work is in progress on Dindigul-Madurai (64 km) parallel Broad Gauge line project and thereafter work on Madurai-Maniyachhi (127 km) gauge conversion projects will be taken in hand. Both these projects are part of the Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-ManiyachhiTuticorin (327 km) Broad Gauge line project.

Pakistan's threat to denuclearisation

1855. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new study 'Janes Strategic Weapons Systems' published from London, as reported in the Hindustan Times of May 10, 1989 under the caption "Study: Pak threat to denuclearisation"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment about the Pakistani and Israeli threat to the process of denuclearisation, in view of the fact that these two countries which are outside the NATO and Warsaw Pacts possess both ballistic missiles and nuclear technology?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nuclear and missile programmes of both Pakistan and Israel, dedicated to weapons development, is a matter of deep concern to Government which is closely following development in this regard.

Setting up of new regional offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1856. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new regional offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are being set up soon; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating their jurisdiction and headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken so far.

Appointment of T.G.T. by K.V.S

1857. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications for a large number of posts of Trained Graduate Teachers had been invited by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at the end of the last year/beginning of the current year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not holding interviews for these posts while interviews for the posts of PGTs advertised alongwith these have already been concluded;

(c) whether the delay has adversely affected teaching work of the Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, by when the interviews are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Interviews for the posts of Post Graduate Teachers are still continuing. Those for Trained Graduate Teachers would be conducted by Regional Offices shortly.

No such report has been received. However, Principals of the Schools make appropiate arrangements to ensure that teaching in schools is carried on satisfactorily.